

were from my eldest daughter, who was in the great-
alarm about her mother, who was suffering from asth-
ma and palpitation of the heart—old disease ag-
gravated by their circumstances. Mrs. F. has temporarily
returned to London, and that it is now impossible
for me to do more than to hope that my dear daughter
will not complain of her own ill health, who has
usually endured the most. To imagine that I can take
in things quietly and patiently and deal in compliments,
to set me down as a new species of monster made of
The last post brought me a letter dated 31st December,
telling me that their credit at the restaurant had ceased.
Whether they will have contrived to 'manage something'
the sixteen dollars sent 26th December have been